

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 120, Baton Rouge, LA

August 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, Jerry Thibeau, Willie George Lee, James Little, Larry Thomas, Don Thompson, Kenneth "Wade" Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Hoover, Matt Milazzo, Edwin Parker, Tamiara Wade

ARBC Commissioner Lionel Bailey entered the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Vacancy: St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Babin.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
Babin introduced St. James Parish President Timothy Roussel and Richard St. Pierre.
4. LA DOTD Report on DOTD activities for the CRDC Project by Susan Douglas: Real estate is working on advanced acquisitions right now. The Maps will be complete in September and they can begin acquisitions for the remainder at that time. On the west side of US61, the Entergy 138kV line has been raised, and all relocations required for construction of the shoofly have been completed. On the east side of US61, Marathon is working on their Horizontal Directional Drill. ExxonMobil will be mobilizing the Tuesday after Labor Day to begin their relocation. LA964 is currently in design with an anticipated bid date in early 2020. LA 19 and LA 67 were re-advertised for Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) and proposals are under evaluation.
5. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thomas to approve the May 2019 regular meeting minutes. There was no regular ARBC meeting in June 2019. There was no quorum at the July 2019 ARBC regular meeting.
6. Financial Statement Report
 - Babin presented to the Board the May/June/July 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Thompson to approve the May/June/July 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
7. Executive Director Report
(ARBC Commissioner Lionel Bailey entered the meeting).
 - CRDC – Rietschier said that concerning the KCS Railroad Bridge on Hwy. 61, before the ARBC commits itself to take responsibility for O&M, it will need a cost estimate for that purpose. ARBC hired Modjeski-Masters to provide an estimate for the O&M for 50 years. The estimate was received and forwarded to the USACE. Bankston discussed the PCA and which agency is to be responsible for maintenance. He said that KCS will not grant access to the property until there is an agreement.
8. ARBC Legal Counsel: Bankston said they went to the Task Force Meeting at the State Capital. He and Dietmar Rietschier testified.
9. Old Business – None. Did not discuss agenda item – Consideration of Amendment of DOTD CEA.
10. New Business: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thomas, seconded by Thompson to extend the hunting leases an additional 2 years for Tracts 41, M3-80 and M3-115, with the continuation of the 90-day cancellation provision.
11. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting on motion by Thompson, second by Thomas.

APPROVED:

/s/ Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: October 15, 2019

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary